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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF PATENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The issue fee for the above-identified application was paid on August 3, 2005. Since more than six months have passed since the payment of the issue fee, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office expedite issuance of the patent. There is no other action pending in this application other than to place several references in the file.

No fee is believed to be required. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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